

Officer's Cottage (Physician's Cottage East)
Eastern Shore State Hospital
Dorchester County, MD
Survey No. D-717

**OFFICER'S COTTAGE (PHYSICIAN'S COTTAGE EAST)
EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL**

HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:	Eastern Shore
Chronological/Development Period(s):	Modern Period
Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):	Not Applicable
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Housing
Known Design Source:	Not known; probably Henry Powell Hopkins

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Officer's Cottage - Eastern Shore State Hospital (Physician's Cottage East)

and/or common Physician's Cottage East

2. Location

street & number 2730 Oak Drive ☐ not for publication

city, town Cambridge ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Dorchester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: health care/hospital

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

street & number 201 West Preston Street telephone no.: 410-767-6500

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Courthouse liber

street & number 206 High Street folio

city, town Cambridge state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The Physician's Cottage East, constructed in 1928, is a two-story, gable-roofed house of frame construction. The building, which was originally shingled, incorporates Colonial Revival and Craftsman detailing. The house features a tapered, exterior end chimney on the east and a Palladian entry portico with a curved underside.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Physician's Cottage East is a two-story frame house that faces north to the Choptank River. The rectangular house rests on a brick common bond foundation and is topped with an asphalt shingle gable roof. The basement, which houses the boiler, extends only under the western half of the building. A one-story, hipped roof screened porch, now enclosed, is attached to the east side of the building. A tapered, exterior end chimney rises against the east wall of the house above the former screened porch. An interior brick ventilation stack rises from the west portion of the house. The house has entrances at the center of the north and south facades of the building. The north facade, which is the primary facade, is detailed in a symmetrical manner with a central entry. This facade features a neo-Georgian Palladian portico with curved underside, supported by paired piers. The portico rests on a brick and concrete stoop. The entry surround displays side transoms; the paneled door has a stylized fanlight. Fenestration on all facades is arranged symmetrically and consists of 9-over-1 sash.

The interior of the building has a center hall stair, which retains its original balusters and newel. The kitchen and dining room are to the west of the central hall, the living room to the east. There are three bedrooms and a bath on the 2nd floor. The interior has simple trim. There are wood door and baseboard moldings but no cornice. The brick mantel in the living room is detailed in Flemish bond with a jack arch above the hearth. The house has hardwood floors.

Changes to the house include alterations to the porch wing on the east, changes to the rear entrance on the south, and the addition of vinyl siding. The integral porch wing, which appears in a 1938 aerial photograph, was probably constructed as a screen porch and later enclosed. Its 9-over-1 windows, which are smaller than the windows in the main block of the house, suggest that it was enclosed at a relatively early date. (The interior and exterior of this space have been sheathed in contemporary fabric and cannot be used to date construction.) The rear entrance has been changed by the addition of recent wood steps and an aluminum awning. The house was clad in vinyl siding in the early 1980s. Original shingles are still visible under the portico.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1928

Builder/Architect Not known

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Physician's Cottage East, which dates to 1928, is an example of single family residences constructed for doctors at mental institutions. These detached dwellings became commonplace in the early 20th century and reflect the increasing autonomy of assistant physicians at residential hospitals. The exterior of the two-story dwelling, which was probably designed by Henry Powell Hopkins, combines elements of Craftsman and Colonial Revival vernacular. Despite alterations, the Physician's Cottage East retains integrity of location, design, setting, feeling, and association and contributes to the significance of the historic core of the Eastern Shore State Hospital.

HISTORIC NARRATIVE

The Officer's Cottage, constructed in 1928,¹ was the first detached residence for assistant physicians constructed within the historic core of the Eastern Shore State Hospital. With its tapered chimney, shingled walls, and Colonial Revival portico, it would have made a handsome addition to the hospital grounds. Its appearance was particularly well suited to its site in a grove of trees overlooking the Choptank. While the house has been sheathed in vinyl siding, its basic form and distinctive chimney remain visible. Its interior plan, stair rail, and mantel are also intact.

During the 19th and early 20th century doctors were often housed in hospital buildings instead of purpose-built detached residences. By the 1930s, mental hospitals throughout the country began constructing detached residences for their medical staff. This practice reflected the growing importance and increased clinical responsibilities of the assistant physicians. While the medical superintendent still exercised administrative control, the larger size of hospitals and the increasing importance of clinical practice resulted in greater autonomy and responsibility for the assistant physicians, who typically concentrated on medical matters.

¹The date is taken from a chart furnished by the Eastern Shore Hospital Center. Because the Biennial Reports from 1928-1932 are missing and the plans have not been located, this chart remains the sole source for the construction date, which is consistent with the appearance of the building.

The appearance and date of the building suggest that it was designed by Henry Powell Hopkins (1891-1984). Hopkins, a well known Baltimore architect who specialized in restorations and in the Colonial Revival, also designed the Administration Building (Survey No. D-714, 1926), Carey Building (Survey No. D-718, 1935), Nice Building (Survey No. D-719, 1937), and the Physician's Cottage West (Survey No. D-720, 1940) at the Eastern Shore State Hospital as well as other buildings in the state mental health system. Because Hopkins designed all of the hospital buildings constructed at the Eastern Shore State Hospital between 1926 and 1940 and because carefully designed details like the chimney and entry portico indicate an architect's involvement, the building can probably be attributed to Hopkins. Further information about Hopkins may be found in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Sites Form for the Administration Building (Survey No. D-715).

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

	Zone	Easting	Northing
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state	N/A	code	county	N/A	code
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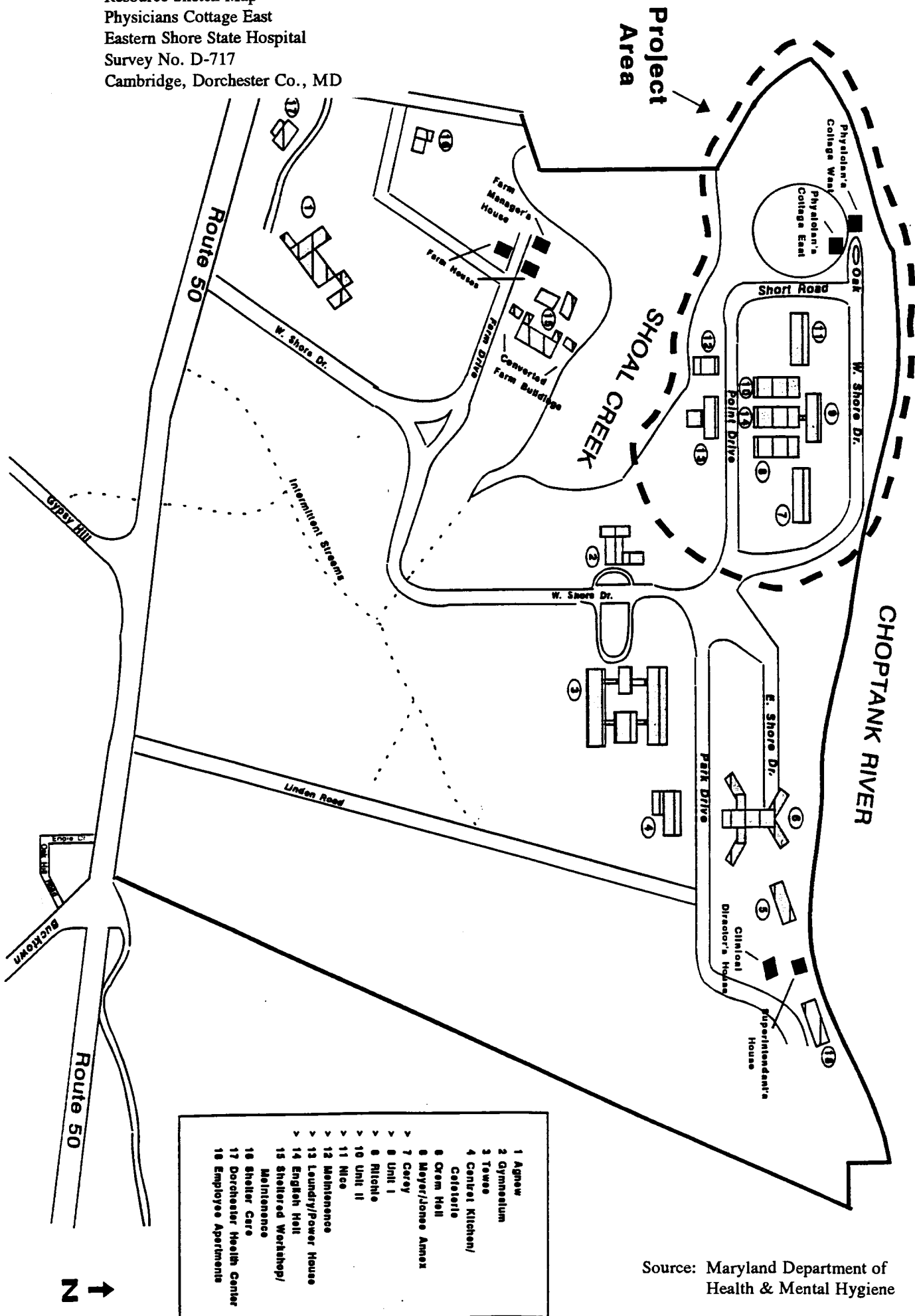
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The boundary encompasses the peninsula that includes the historic buildings and their setting. The project area consists of the peninsula bounded by the Choptank River on the north and Shoal Creek on the west and south. The eastern boundary extends along Shoal Creek to a point approximately 300 ft. upstream from the Power House and Laundry. The boundary then proceeds in an arc roughly ENE to the intersection of West Shore Drive (Maryland Route 479) and Point Drive. The boundary then proceeds roughly WNW to the Choptank River in an arc on the north and east side of West Shore Drive. The intersection of the eastern boundary of the project area and the Choptank River is directly north of the east facade of the Dr. Charles J. Carey Building (Survey No. D-718).

Resource Sketch Map
 Physicians Cottage East
 Eastern Shore State Hospital
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 Cambridge, Dorchester Co., MD

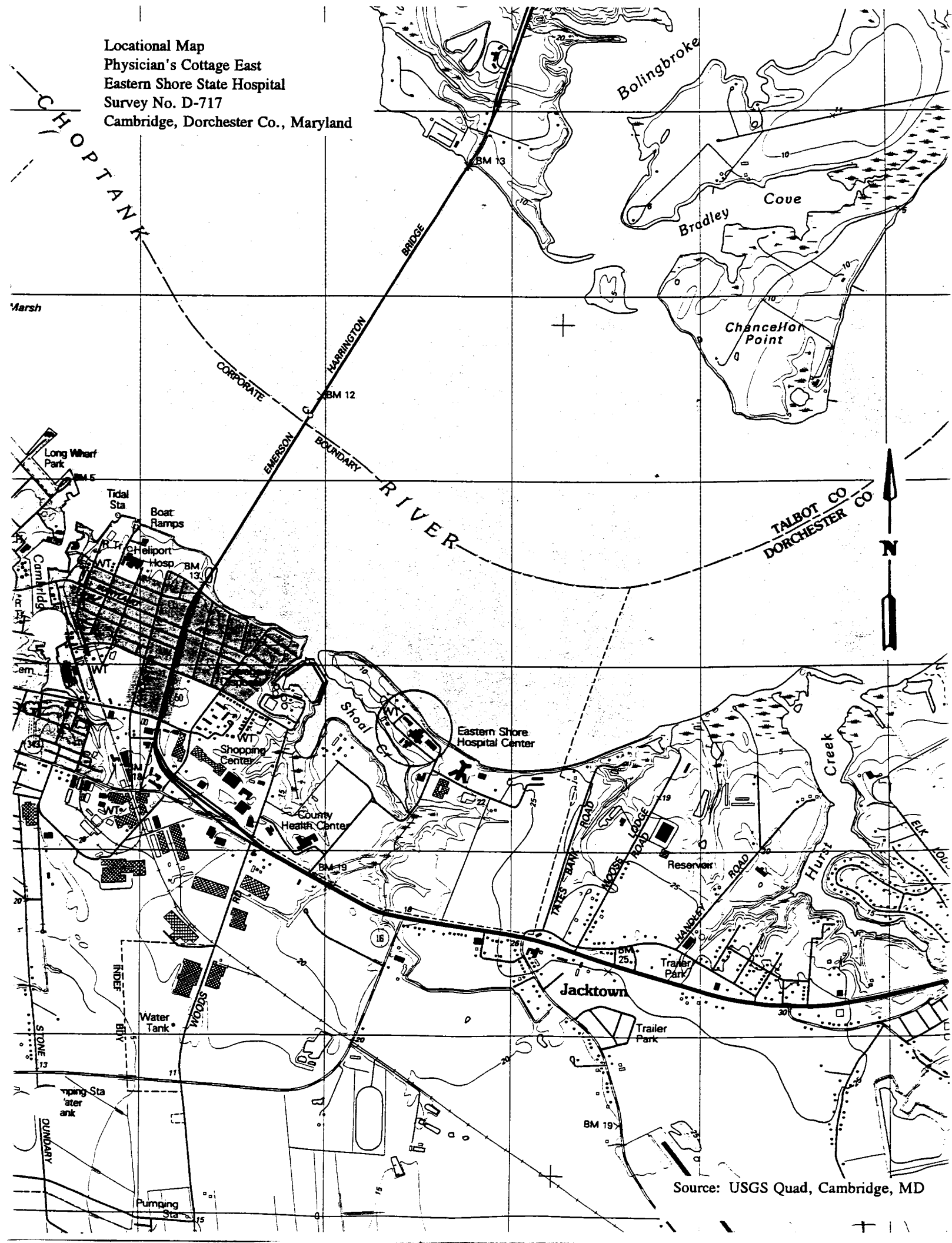
Eastern Shore Hospital Center



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|----|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Agnew |
| 2 | Gymnasium |
| 3 | Towee |
| 4 | Central Kitchen/Cafeteria |
| 5 | Creem Hall |
| 6 | Mayer/Jones Annex |
| 7 | Cerrey |
| 8 | Unit I |
| 9 | Unit II |
| 10 | Nice |
| 11 | Maintenance |
| 12 | Laundry/Power House |
| 13 | English Hall |
| 14 | Sheltered Workshop/Maintenance |
| 15 | Shelter Care |
| 16 | Dorchester Health Center |
| 17 | Employee Apartments |

Source: Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

Locational Map
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Source: USGS Quad, Cambridge, MD



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